District of Columbia
Court of Appeals

No. M-227-06

BEFORE: Washington, Chief Judge; Farrell, Ruiz, Reid, Glickman, Kramer, Fisher,
Blackburne-Rigsby, and Thompson, Associate Judges.

O R D E R

On consideration of the proposed amendments to D.C. App. R. 46 (b)(2)(ii), which would require applicants by examination to undergo the same rigorous character and fitness investigation by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) as current waiver applicants, and D.C. App. R. 46 (b)(8)(i)(B), which would clarify that only a prior essay examination administered in the District of Columbia, and not in another jurisdiction, is an acceptable substitute for a current essay examination administration, which were transmitted by letters dated September 8, 2006, and October 5, 2006, respectively, from the Chairman of the Committee on Admissions, and there appearing to be no comments thereto, it is

ORDERED that D.C. App. Rule 46 (b)(2)(ii) is amended, effective March 1, 2007, to read as follows:

D.C. App. R. 46 (b)(2)(ii)

The application shall be accompanied by (1) a certified check, cashier's check, or money order in the amount of $100, which shall be non-refundable, made payable to the Clerk, D.C. Court of Appeals, together with (2) the applicable certified checks, cashier's checks, or money orders made payable to the National Conference of Bar Examiners, the purposes and amounts of which shall be specified on the application form.

D.C. App. R. 46 (b)(8)(i)(B)

(b) Admission by Examination.

(8) General Consideration Regarding the Examination.

(i) Applicants shall be examined on both the essay and the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) sections at the examination site designated by the Committee.

(B) An applicant may request the Committee to accept a prior essay administration in the District of Columbia provided

that:

        1. The prior essay scaled score is not less than 133; and

        2. The prior administration was within 25 months of the present administration.

        FOR THE COURT:

        GARLAND PINKSTON, JR.
        Clerk of the Court